

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHARGOMANGO): (a) to (d). Fifteen proposals for joint venture collaboration in deep sea fishing, one proposal in meat processing, four proposals in fruits and vegetable processing and proposals from M/s. JMPCO and M/s. Kellogs have been approved during 1991-92. The information regarding joint venture collaboration for other food processing industries is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Tourist Lodges and Hotels In Tamil Nadu

7028. DR. SHRIMATI K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist lodges, hotels, yatri niwas constructed with central assistance during the last three years in Tamil Nadu alongwith the details of financial assistance provided for the purpose;

(b) the number of proposals of the Tamil Nadu Government still pending with the Union Government; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to clear the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA): (a) Central financial assistance has been sanctioned to construct three tourist complexes at different locations in Tamil Nadu amounting to Rs. 47.57 lakhs during the last three years. However, no new Yatri Niwas has been sanctioned during the said period as no proposal with estimates were received from the State Government. The Department does not provide financial assistance to State Government for construction of hotels.

(b) and (c). Two proposals, namely Tourist Reception Centre at Udhagamandalam and Tourist cottages at Kodaikanal could not be sanctioned during 1991-92 for want of complete project proposals from the State Government. The State Government has been requested to furnish the requisite information.

[Translation]

Agreement of West Bengal and Bihar by Power Generated from D.V.C.

7029. SHRI LALIT ORAON:
SHRI RAMDEW RAM;

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) when the agreements relating to Damodar Valley Corporation were signed between the Union Government, Bihar and West bengal Governments and the main terms and conditions thereof;

(b) the proposed power generating capacity of DVC alongwith the ratio in which electricity was proposed to be supplied to each State as per agreement;

(c) the average rate of power generation in DVC during the last three years and the proportional ratio of power supplied to each State, year-wise;

- (d) whether Bihar was not supplied electricity as per the agreement during the last three years;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the total power generated during each year and the State-wise ratio of its distribution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (f). No such agreement has been signed.

The power generated from DVC and the sale of power in Bihar and West Bengal during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 are as under:

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Power Generation (million Units)	5464	4946	5338
Sale of Power (%)			
In Bihar	64.83	65.53	65.5
In West Bengal	35.17	34.47	34.5

[English]

Promotion of SC/ST officers in Indian Airlines

7030. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of irregularities have come to notice of the Government in the matter of promotion of SC/ST officers in the Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the number of cases in which SC/ST officers have been superseded and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No SC/ST officer has been superseded in the promotions and selections effected in the Indian Airlines during the last one year.

Steel Plant in Assam

7031. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a steel plant either in public or private sector in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). Due to resource constraints, there is no proposal to set up any new steel plant in the public sector in Assam or elsewhere. As regards the private sector, the New Industrial Policy announced in July, 1991, has exempted the steel industry from the provisions of compulsory licensing under the Industries (D& R) Act, 1951. Entrepreneurs are required to apply for a license only in case the unit is located within a distance of 25 Kms from a city with a population in excess of 10 lakhs.

Post Offices in Bihar

7032. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up of district-wise number of post offices opened in Bihar during 1991-92 ;